where the description and/or value have been misdeclared resulting in alleged evasion of Customs duty to the tune of Rs. 85.50 lakhs as per details given below:-

S. No.	*Declared Commodity*	*Alleged duty evasion (Rs. in lakhs)*
1.	Sodium Bromide	14.00
2.	Neomycin Sulphate	55.00
3.	Carbamezapine	8.00
4.	Phenylprine HCL	4.00
5.	Carbenezapine	4.50
	Total	85.50

(c) The field formations have been alerted and directed to take all necessary steps to thwart such attempts in future.

Newsprint Prices

2528. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the average CIF price in rupees of imported newsprint of various grades paid by the STC during 1988-89, 1989-90 and 1990-91;

(b) whether any contract has been signed by the STC for the year 1991-92;

(c) if so, the CIF price agreed to;

(d) the successive changes in the wholesale price at which the imported newsprint was sold by the STC to the newspapers since April, 1988, date-wise; and

(e) whether any reduction in the wholesale price is expected during the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The average CIF of imported newsprint paid by STC is given below:-

Year	*Standard newspring*		
	Qty. in thousand MTs	*CIF value in crores (Rs.)*	*Average CIF PMT (Rs.)*
1988-89	188	183.01	9735
1989-90	195	213.86	10967
1990-91	190	215.64	11350

Year	Standard newspring		
	Qty. in thousand MTs	*CIF value in crores (Rs.)*	*Average CIF PMT (Rs.)*
Glazed newsprint			
1988-89	36	40.44	11233
1989-90	29	40.00	13793
1990-91	36	60.38	16772

(b) and (c). During 1991-92, import contracts for news-print have been concluded by STC as under:-

Standard newsprint		
Qty. (MT)	*CIF value* Rs. in crores*	*Average CIF price PMT (Rs.)*
140,730	182.06	12,937
Glazed newsprint		
19,000	36.01	18,953

*CIF value is based on exchange rate as on the date(s) of contract.

(d) There was no wholesale price. The high-seas sale prices of imported Newsprint from April 1988 are given in the enclosed statement.

(e) The sale prices of imported Newsprint are fixed quarterly by Newsprint Price Fixation Advisory Committee under the Chairmanship of the Secretary, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting and in the Committee, representatives of Newspaper Industry are also represented. Due to lower CIF prices at which the quantity has been recently contracted, release prices could be reduced in the next quarter.

STATEMENT

Sale Prices of Imported Newsprint from April, 88 Onwards

	Standard Newsprint High-Seas Sale Price (Rs. per MT)	*Glazed Newsprint (60 GSM) High Seas Sale Price (Rs. per MT)*
April-June, 1988	8300.00	9180.00

	Standard Newsprint High-Seas Sale Price (Rs. per MT)	*Glazed Newsprint (60 GSM) High Seas Sale Price (Rs. per MT)*
July-September, 1988	9535.00	11085.00
October-December, 1988	10350.00	11835.00
January-March, 1989	11700.00	12610.00
April-June, 1989	12715.00	12610.00
July-September, 1989	12965.00	13610.00
October-December, 1989	11715.00	15750.00
January-March, 1990	11170.00	15070.00
April-June, 1990	11070.00	14970.00
July-September, 1990	11510.00	15820.00
October-December, 1990	11800.00	16600.00
January-March, 1991	12260.00	17645.00
April-June, 1991	13000.00	18735.00
July, 1991	16000.00	23300.00
August-September, 1991	16000.00	23300.00
	+ Surcharge of Rs. 800.00	+ Surcharge of Rs. 2300.00
October-December, 1991	16770.00 + Surcharge of Rs. 800.00	24200.00 + Surcharge of Rs. 23000.00

Reimbursement of Expenditure on Paradip Port

2529. SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the outstanding amount of the Government of Orissa towards the raimbursement of the initial capital expenditure incurred on the construction of Paradip Port;

(b) whether the Union Government have